



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jefferson L. Patrick

For: BOAT CARRYING RACK FOR USE
ON TRANSPORTING VEHICLES

Application no: 10/826,763

Filed: 04/16/2004

GAU: 3782

Examiner: Olson, Margaret Linnea

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION

The office action mailed 09/18/2007 has been carefully considered,
and Applicant responds as follows:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In an interview held Aug. 21, 2007, the claims as filed responsive the office action mailed 01/19/2007 were discussed. Applicant's representative pointed out that Applicant's claim language provided that an upright post having a boat-receiving cross member at an upper end was connected at "a central location". Likewise, Applicant's claim language states that his elongated upper beam is also connected "at said central location". It was the Examiner's position that the reference of Toivola showed this claim limitation, even through Applicant's representative point out the vertical posts and beams of Toivola are nowhere near "a central location" of his boat-receiving cross member. As such, no agreement was reached.